

## ACTIVE LIVING

### **EVERGREENS LIFESTYLE CENTER**

### **Promoting Independent Lifestyles**

July—August 2025 #srgseniors

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#### ARE YOU LATE ON FILING YOUR TAXES?

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) can help!

Free tax preparation by IRS-trained volunteers available for those who have a household income of \$67,000 or less!

Saturdays from 9am - 11am
July 19 August 23 September 13

Appointments will take place at the Evergreens Lifestyle Center (lower level, 1401 Benjamin Parkway, Greensboro).

CALL TODAY

Appointments required - call SeniorLine at 336-333-6981 to schedule.

Tell Me About the Good Ol' Days Living Legacy Project



"The wisdom that comes with living is a gift to share." Merle R. Saferstein

Many of us have fond memories of listening to our parents, grandparents, or other relatives telling us stories about life in "the good ol' days." From the price of groceries to popular music to stories that shape our values, these periods of sharing have helped us better understand and remember earlier generations. Their stories were important to share, and we believe that your story is just as important. This is an opportunity to help you write your story down for friends and family.

The Living Legacy Project will meet on select Tuesdays in August and September to create Living Legacy journals. Each session will include pre-printed journal sheets with questions aimed to help you think about the important experiences you've had in life so far. Reflective questions will include topics on your family, childhood, traditions, lessons, and advice. We will allow time for sharing to help others find inspiration, and you will be welcome to take your journal pages home to continue writing. At the end of the project, you will have a guided journal of your wisdom to share! Staff will present you with options for binding the journal.

Space is limited to 10 participants, and you can register for the project on August 1. If you are interested in completing a journal on your own without attending the sessions, please contact us at seniorcenter@seniorresources-guilford.org or by phone at 336-373-4816 ext 280 to request the prompts.

Meetings will be held at 10am on August 19, August 26, September 2, September 9, & September 16. We hope you'll join us in creating this thoughtful heirloom!

### **Evergreens Lifestyle Center**

1401 Benjamin Parkway Greensboro, NC 27408

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Website.....

www.senior-resources-guilford.org

Facebook.....

www.Facebook.com/ SeniorResourcesofGuilford

#### Hours

M-F .......... 8:30am - 5:00pm Please note that we close at 3:30pn on Fridays until September.

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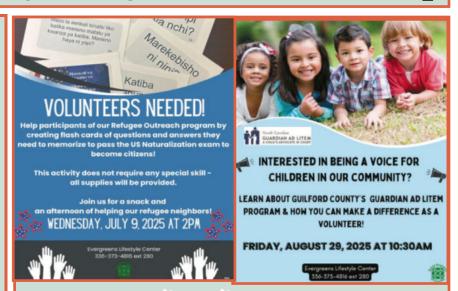
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Have you noticed the beautiful flowers in front of the Evergreens Lifestyle Center? Many thanks to Earla Forrester and Celia Cepeda (and their daughters!), who generously transformed the flower beds.

Be sure to thank them for making our senior center cheerful!









Did you know that our Crochet Club creates group projects to donate to local nonprofits? Their most recent project, Sleepy Smile Blanket & Pillows, was created by Pam, Cheryl, Eleanor, Helen, Celia, Pat, Kitty, Charlene, Anita, Evangeline, and Rose.

Wonderful job, ladies!





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Cost includes transportation, shoe rental, lane rental for

1.5 hours, unlimited soda, and 2 slices of pizza.

This activity does not require high amounts of walking and is suitable for those using mobility devices.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025 AT 1:30PM



Sign up in person on Thursday, July 3. Payment due by Friday, July 11.

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Over 13 sessions, this class will cover basics of navigating the iPhone, the contacts app, calling, photos, messaging, exploring the internet, using email, managing apps, and question and answer session. This comprehensive series is limited to 10 participants.



The cost of the series is \$85 (that's only \$6.50 per session!). Participants must sign up for the entire series; we will not take sign ups for individual classes.



The series will start on August 11 and end November 3. All sessions will be held Mondays at 11am.





Sign up for the entire series starts July 14. Payment is required in full by July 21. No refunds are offered for missed classes. If we are unable to fill all 10 spots in the class series, the sessions will be cancelled and your funds returned. Sign up by calling 336-373-4816 ext 280.

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### AHOY (Adding Health to Our Years)

Mondays.....9:15 am+ Join us for a 30 minute chair exercise class that

Join us for a 30 minute chair exercise class that helps to manage arthritis pain, as well as improve flexibility and balance. Class is taught by Chipper Nuckles. **\$3** 

### Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (AFEP)

Mondays .....1:30 pm

This low-impact recreational exercise program will help you reduce fatigue, pain, and stiffness. This hour-long class is taught by Kelly Dorrough of Better Balance Senior Fitness. \$4

### Better Balance

Tuesdays .....9:00 am

Join instructor Zee Bawangaonwala of Move Forward Physical Therapy for this popular exercise class that helps seniors to improve their balance. Class is 30 minutes. \$3

Advanced Class.....9:45am

A more advanced workout. Class is 30 minutes. \$3

### Zumba Gold

Tuesdays..... 1:00 pm

Are you ready for a fitness dance party? Zumba Gold is a lower-intensity version of the popular Zumba classes that combine dance, choreography, and movement for an energizing hour-long exercise class! Class taught by Lenna Sikes. \$4

### Drums Alive Cardio Drumming

Wednesdays.....1:00 pm

Join Board Certified Music Therapist Randi Lee from Magnolia Melodies Music Therapy for Drums Alive Cardio Drumming class. A fun full body workout that lasts 30 minutes. \$4

Please continue to register for Cardio Drumming!

### Tai Chi

Thursdays......12:30 pm

Join instructor Eric Reiss for this 30 minute slow paced, meditative physical exercise. **\$3** 

### Chair Yoga

Fridays ......9:15 am+

This 30 minute yoga class helps harmonize all aspects of the body and mind. Taught by Chipper Nuckles. \$3

### Strength + Safety: Recovering From Falls

### Second Thursday of each month at 9am

Learn practical techniques to safely recover from a fall and simple exercises to make it easier. Discover tools that can help make your home safer. Taught by Michele Walker. \$4

+Designates classes streamed on Facebook Live. Find us at Facebook.com/SeniorResourcesofGuilford



Join Dr. Laurie Kennedy-Malone, Professor Emerita, School of Nursing, UNCG, for this informative presentation on how to care for our eyes as we age.

Evergreens Lifestyle Center 1401 Benjamin Parkway Lower Level





### New Grief Support with Medi Home Health & Hospice



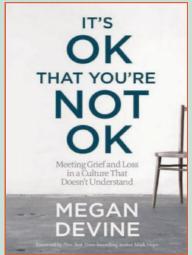
Wednesday, July 23 at 1pm Grief is a natural and deeply human response to loss - whether that loss is of a loved one, a relationship, a role, or a way of life. It weaves through every part of who we are, affecting our emotions, thoughts, bodies, and spirit. Grief can surface as sadness, anger, confusion, or even numbness, and it often changes the way we see ourselves and the world around us. Grief may disrupt daily routines, impact physical health, or alter relationships. No two grief experiences are the same, and there is no 'right' way or timeline for healing. Medi Home Health and Hospice invites attendees to a workshop offering a compassionate and supportive space to honor grief, explore its many layers, and learn gentle ways to navigate through the personal grief journey.

Please join Medi Home Health and Hospice every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 11am for a Grief Support Group. This group is open to anyone seeking support as they navigate their personal journey through loss and grief. Experienced and compassionate staff, knowledgeable in grief and healing, will be present to guide and facilitate the group. Grief support groups can offer a powerful source of strength, providing connection, understanding, and encouragement from others who have faced similar experiences. Sharing in a supportive space can remind you that you are not alone. For more information about the Grief Support Group, please contact your local Medi Home Health and Hospice office at 336-248-4101.





If you are unable to make the Grief Workshop, these two books are recommended



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reading:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 2025	Balance (\$3) 9:45a Advanced Better Balance (\$3) 10a Goal Setting with Cheryl * 1p Zumba Gold (\$4) 2p Games & Mahjong	Care for Older Adults 11a Open Art/Craft Room 1p Cardio Drumming (\$4) 2p Crochet Club	Success (V) 12:30p Tai Chi (\$3) 1p Blood Pressure Checks 2p Jewelry Club 2p Dominoes	The Evergreens 4 Lifestyle Center is closed today.  HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAYI
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Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

August 2025

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9:15a Chair Yoga (\$3) (V) 10a Trivia with Tina 11a "Me" Book Club \* 1p Friday Favorite Movie - "The Windermere Children" \* 1p Monthly Birthday Celebration

9:15a AHOY (\$3) (V) 1p Canasta 1:30p Arthritis Foundation Exercise 1p Zumba Gold Program (\$4) 3p Watermelon Social sponsored by Carolina Pines

Monday

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Group with Medi Home Checks 2p Jewelry Club 2p Dominoes

9:15a Chair Yoga (\$3) (V) 10a Trivia with Tina 11a "Me" Book Club \* 1p Friday Favorite Movie – "A Summer Place" \*



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11a iPhone Tech Class series (\$85) \* 1p Canasta 1:30p Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (\$4)

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13 8a Duke Lemur Center Day Trip (\$30) \* 9a Recover from Falls (\$4) \* 12:30p Tai Chi (\$3) 1p Blood Pressure Checks

2p Jewelry Club

2p Dominoes

**14** 9:15a Chair Yoga **15** (\$3) (V) 10a Trivia with Tina 11a "Me" Book Club \* 1p Friday Favorite Movie - "The Sixth Sense" \*

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**21** 9:15a Chair Yoga (\$3) (V) 10a Trivia with Tina 11a Creating Your Estate Plan with Edward Jones 11a "Me" Book Club \* 1p Friday Favorite Movie - "A Time to Kill"

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29 **28** 9:15a Chair Yoga (\$3) (V) No Donuts with the Director this month. 10:30a Guardian ad Litem Presentation 11a "Me" Book Club \* 1p Friday Favorite Movie – "Breakfast at Tiffany's" \*



### Meet Dianne Cates

Hometown: Burlington, NC Current City: Greensboro

Graduated from South Alamance High School, 1966

Career: Administrative Assistant for UNC Hospitals for 32 Years

Dianne grew up in Saxapahaw, NC as an only child. After graduating from high school, she went to work for UNC Hospitals. She initially worked as a secretary to a doctor who was doing research in pathology. Later, she moved to the surgical pathology department and then to the dialysis department where she transcribed medical reports relating to things like kidney transplants. Dianne learned all the medical terms she needed for her job by herself without taking any classes! She married in 1977 at age 29. Dianne also worked for Verizon and Carolina Meadows assisted living in Chapel Hill. Her niece asked her to move to Greensboro and she has lived here ever since!

Who was a role model for you? "My mother. She was the kindest, most giving person I have ever known."

What's the best advice you ever received? To talk more! Dianne's 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher said, "You need to talk up!" because she has always been a very quiet person.

What's the proudest moment of your life, so far?
Retiring from UNC Hospitals after 32 years of working there.

What's something you did that would surprise people? Dianne was a cheerleader in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade! She attended a very small school with only 30 students the whole class.

Who is your favorite celebrity: Neil Diamond! Dianne's favorite movie is "The Jazz Singer", and she recently saw A Beautiful Noise, the Neil Diamond tribute show at Tanger Center and loved it!

What was a trend you followed "back in the day?" Dianne loved wearing miniskirts and the Beatles!



### What do you like about Evergreens?

"I love the people, the day trips, Chair Yoga, trivia, Cardio Drumming, and potlucks! I love the crochet club and have made friends there. I love it because I have crocheted since high school!"



#### Dominoes

### Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2pm

Join Earla twice a week for the classic board game, dominoes! No experience required and beginners are welcome.

### Carolina Aging Alliance Pizza Nights

### Second Tuesday of each month at 6pm

Carolina Aging Alliance is a nonprofit organization that advocates for and provides services to LGBTQ+ persons 50 and over. Join us for pizza and a movie in July and pizza and games in August. Sign up is required.

### UNCG's Recipe for Success Cooking Demo

### 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10am

Join Deborah as she leads us in weekly cooking demos on how to make healthy meals and gain knowledge about proper nutrition. Join us in-person or streamed on Facebook Live.

### Virtual Reality

### Wednesdays at 10am

Explore the exciting and engaging world of VR! Learn to use Meta VR headsets with Tina and explore new worlds. Please sign up for this activity by calling 336-373-4816 ext 280.

### Gardening Workshop with Recipe for Success

### Third Wednesday of each month at 11am

Join Kimberly for an educational and interactive gardening workshop. A wide range of topics are covered! These presentations are streamed live on Facebook and can also be enjoyed in-person at the Evergreens Center.

### Donuts with the Director

Last Friday of each month at 10am Join Julie Silverman, Director of the Evergreens Lifestyle Center, for a monthly feedback session.

### Monthly Birthday Celebrations

First Friday of each month at 1pm Join Field Realty/Remax Realty Consultants for a celebration of the month's birthdays with cake!



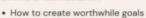
### **HOW TO EAT AN** FIFPHANT: GOAL SETTING AND

**GETTHING THINGS DONE** with Cherryl Jones

Have you been putting things off for too long?

Is it getting on your nerves or making you feel guilty? Are you unsure where to start?

JOIN US FOR A FREE, 1 HOUR CLASS WHERE YOU WILL LEARN



- How to break down goals into manageable and
- doable actions
- The benefits of accomplishing goals



JULY 1, 2025 AT 10AM

CALL TO REGISTER

Come be motivated and inspired!

### **Evergreens Lifestyle Center** NAME THAT TUNE COME PLAY A FUN AND EXCITING GAME OF NAME THAT TUNE WITH SONGS FROM THE 1940S TO THE 1980S!

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Monday, July 28, 2025 11:30 am

Hot Dogs & Hamburgers Provided Bring a side dish!

Sign up at the front desk.

**Evergreens Lifestyle Center** 1401 Benjamin Parkway Lower Level (336) 373-4816 ext 280



INTRODUCTION TO

AGE FRIENDLY GUILFORD COORDINATOR

As the vibrant colors of summer fade and

the crisp air of autumn begins to settle in,

it's the perfect time to prepare our homes

for the upcoming colder months. Fall home

maintenance is essential to ensure that

our homes remain safe, comfortable, and

efficient throughout the winter season.

We will be discussing key tasks and tips to

help you get your home ready for fall and winter.



WITH JOHN HOWE. RETIRED CHEMIST & HOBBY SOAP MAKER

Join John to learn the skills & science needed to make your own bars of soap with oils and shea butter!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025 10AM - NOON

THIS CLASS IS VERY LIMITED IN SIZE DUE TO THE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES USED. SIGN UP STARTING JULY 1 BY CALLING



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### WATERMELON

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL** WATERMELON DAY SPONSORED BY



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Enjoy the season's best watermelon and play fun games!







Monday, August 4, 2025

3pm

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Edward Jones



Identify key maintenance tasks · Practical tips and techniques

Understand the importance of fall hom

Safety techniques

maintenance

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025 10AM





used as walking sticks or displayed as decor. They can include names, dates, pets, hobbies, religious themes, and more. Austin will describe the artistic process of creating these literal logs of your life!

### Workshops with Felix Delgado, Financial Advisor

Join Felix for an educational seminar and snack at the

Evergreens Lifestyle Center! Creating Your Estate Plan

A 60-minute seminar to explain the difference between a will and trust. Learn about life insurance and important tax information. Asset transfer, planning, and guardianship will be discussed.

Power of Budgeting

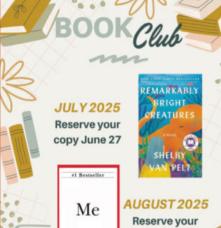
Friday, September 26 at 11am

A 60-minute interactive seminar where we will explore the importance of creating and maintaining a budget, examine the difference between wants and needs, and set goals for personal spending, savings and debt repayment.

Join Us in

Evergreens Lifestyle Center Lower Level, 1401 Benjamin Parkway







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### **CAREGIVER CORNER**

### What the First-time Caregiver Needs to Know

Everyone ages and there comes a time when older or ailing loved ones need help. Oftentimes friends or family members rise to the occasion to assist them. If you're one of those first-time family caregivers, you are not alone. If you're caring for a grandparent, parent or other loved one for the first time, there will be both challenges and rewards in the months ahead. It can be difficult, and you might not even be sure where to start. One of the challenges you'll face is keeping track of everything your loved one needs while managing your own daily life. This means juggling doctor appointments and prescriptions, arranging transportation to and from doctors' offices, and refilling and picking up medications. Then there are the regular day-to-day chores to consider: doing laundry, planning and cooking meals, shopping for groceries, and cleaning the house or apartment.

#### Here are some tips to help you through the challenging months ahead:

- Familiarize yourself. Learn as much as you can about your loved one's medical conditions. Know what to expect as they age and their conditions progress. It is vital to be able to make informed decisions about the care they will require.
- **Share the responsibility.** Don't try to go it alone. Enlist a network of friends and family who can help. It doesn't have to involve major tasks. Let them help with mundane tasks.
- **Consider respite care.** You're only human, and you will need to take a break every now and then, consider hiring a professional in-home caregiver to relieve you for a few hours each week so you can run errands or just take a break and relax.
- **Join a support group.** This setting will give you the opportunity to share frustrations and problems with others who may be able to provide insight due to their own experiences.
- Lean on technology. Human memory is fallible, especially in busy or stressful circumstances. There are apps for smartphones that can help track caregiving tasks, provide medication and appointment reminders, create schedules and take notes.
- Don't lose perspective. Whatever else happens, don't forget that your loved one is an individual with their own wants and needs. Involve them in caregiving decisions, especially those that involve their health, living situation, or finances. When it can be done safely, allow them to perform the daily tasks they are capable of. It will make the process much smoother. In the end, be patient with yourself and the loved one you are caring for. Prioritize your own health and don't try to do everything yourself.

Adapted from "What the First Time Caregiver Needs to Know" by Carol Nelson, RN

### **Family Caregiver Program**

#### **Program Eligibility:**

Adult family members/other informal caregivers 18 or older providing care to an individual 60 years of age or older adult family members or other informal caregivers age 18 or older providing care for an individual diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or other Dementia

#### **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

Support Group: 4th Thursday of Each Month Senior Resources of Guilford's Caregiver Library 10am—12pm

Offering resources to individuals 55 and older (not birth or adoptive parents) providing care to children under age of 18.

#### Lunch Break Book Club at High Point Public Library

July 10 (12pm)— Book Kick Off of Where the Light Gets In August 14 (12pm) —Book Discussion

Sign up at HospiceofthePiedmont.org/events

#### Memory Café at Jamestown United Methodist Church (403 E Main Street)

Third Tuesday of Each Month

1:30pm—3:30pm

A safe space for caregivers and their loved one to share socialization, entertainment, and valuable information.

#### **Respite Vouchers**

The Respite Voucher program allows family caregivers to take a much-needed break from caring for their loved one. Vouchers can be used at one of three approved in-home care agencies. Eligible family caregivers must be caring for an individual 60 years of age or older or an individual with a dementia diagnosis.

### **RURAL OUTREACH**

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The Rural Outreach Program provides monthly activities and lunch for seniors residing in Guilford County but outside Greensboro and High Point city limits. There's no cost for the meal but <u>reservations are required!</u>

Contact Larry or Connie in the Rural Outreach office at (336) 373-4816 ext. 265 or email ruraloutreach@senior-resources-guilford.org for reservations.

### JULY - AUGUST 2025 RURAL OUTREACH LUNCHEONS MORIAH (SOUTHEAST)

Moriah United Methodist Church, 3611 Liberty Road

<u>July 1 (Tuesday),</u> 10:30am-12pm, Ben Jeager, Alzheimer's Association, Healthy Living

<u>August 5 (Tuesday)</u>, 10:30am-12pm, Attorney Mike Casterlow, Celebrity Estate Planning Fails: They Didn't Plan—But You Can!

#### OAK RIDGE

Oak Ridge First Baptist Church, 2445 Oak Ridge Road

July 2 (Wednesday), 10:30am-12pm, Dr. Cassandra Germain, Dementia:
Early Warning Signs and How to Reduce Your Risks

August 6 (Wednesday), 10:30am-12pm, Attorney Mike Casterlow,
Celebrity Estate Planning Fails: They Didn't Plan—But You Can!

#### COLFAX

Shady Grove Wesleyan Church, 119 Bunker Hill Road

July 8 (Tuesday), 10:30am-12pm, Whitney Dawson, Alzheimer's

Association, Advocacy for Alzheimer's Patients and their Families

August 12 (Tuesday), 10:30am-12pm, Attorney Mike Casterlow, Celebrity

Estate Planning Fails: They Didn't Plan—But You Can!

#### STOKESDALE

Stokesdale United Methodist Church, 8305 Loyola Drive

July 10 (Thursday), 10:30am-12pm, Jodi Hernandez, AARP, Home Fit:

Modify Your Home for Comfort and Independence.

August 12 (Thursday), 10:30am-12pm, Eileen McGuiness, When the

Diagnosis is Dementia: Three Action Steps You Should Take Right Now

#### SUMMERFIELD

Summerfield Community Center, 5404 Centerfield Road

July 17 (Thursday), 10:30am-12pm, Jill Davis, Health Educator,

Balance Builder

August 21 (Thursday), Attorney Dennis Toman, Celebrity Estate Planning
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